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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

1. (Previously presented) A drum comprising:

a generally square cross section side wall comprising a plurality of side wall sections connected by corner sections, the side wall having end portions disposed at longitudinal ends thereof;

first and second end walls located adjacent the end portions, the first end wall defining a fill/drain opening therein;

a circumferential carrying and transport rim disposed on at least one of the end portions and configured for carrying the drum with drum handling equipment; and

an indentation formed on each of the corner sections substantially intermediate the end portions, said indentations configured and dimensioned to resist buckling of the side wall, and extending substantially circumferentially around a longitudinal axis of the drum, wherein each of said indentation is gradually decreased in height relative to a longitudinal axis of the drum from an area of the corner sections and transitioned into a flat surface of a mid section of each of the side wall sections thereby defining a nearly circular configured cross section of the side wall
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)

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4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously presented) The drum of claim 1, wherein the drum defines a drum height between the end portions and substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis, and the indentation is disposed in a plane located at about 30% to about 70% of the drum height.
7. (Previously presented) The drum of claim 1, wherein the side wall comprises a further indentation formed thereon, extending substantially in a direction of the longitudinal axis.
8. (Original) The drum of claim 1, further comprising a reinforcing ring disposed adjacent one of the end portions, the reinforcing ring having at least one arcuate portion and being dimensioned to allow rolling of the drum about the reinforcing ring.
9. (Original) The drum of claim 1, further comprising at least one reinforcing rib formed in the end wall.

Claims 10-18 (Cancelled)

Claims 19-33 (Cancelled)

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34. (Previously presented) A drum comprising:

a side wall comprising a plurality of side wall sections connected by corner sections, the side wall having end portions disposed at longitudinal ends thereof, wherein the drum defines a longitudinal axis between the end portions;

first and second end walls located adjacent the end portions, the first end wall defining a fill/drain opening therein;

a circumferential carrying and transport rim disposed on the drum and configured for carrying the drum with drum handling equipment; and

an angular indentation formed in the area of the corner sections intermediate the end walls and extending towards a mid-point in the side wall section, wherein the indentation is taller at the corner sections and gradually decreased in height relative to a longitudinal axis of the drum toward the mid-point section of the side wall section, wherein the side wall sections define a first circumferential cross-section that is approximately square, and the angular indentation defines a second circumferential cross-section that is nearly circular.

35. (Previously presented) The drum of claim 34, wherein the indentation is shallowest at a point on the side wall sections intermediate the corner sections.

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36. (Previously presented) The drum of claim 34, wherein the indentation is substantially V-shaped and deepest at the corner sections.

Claims 37-38 (Cancelled)

39. (Currently amended) A drum comprising:

an approximately square cross-sectional side wall comprising a plurality of side wall sections connected by corner sections, the side wall having end portions disposed at longitudinal ends thereof;

first and second end walls located adjacent the end portions, the first end wall defining a fill/drain opening therein;

a circumferential carrying and transport rim disposed on the drum and configured for carrying the drum with drum handling equipment; and

an indentation formed on the side wall substantially intermediate the end walls, wherein the indentation defines a nearly circular cross section in the side wall which coincides with the approximately square cross section of the side wall at a longitudinal mid section of each side wall section.

Claims 40-42 (Cancelled)

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43. (Previously presented) The drum of claim 39, wherein the indentation is substantially V-shaped and deepest at the corner sections.

Claims 44-45 (Cancelled)